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## A REMINISCENCE.

The Sailors' Home does not occupy the attention of the general public as much now, as it used to nearly half a century ago. For decades it was a center of interest. It had a central site opposite the present police station and the post office and was one of the great institutions of the city. Now it no longer occupies the central site, and it is a question whether it can be continued for many years longer. The meeting of the trustees the other day decided to continue the establishment for another year, and whether it will be continued after that will depend upon future raising of funds.

The Home was organized in 1854, the grant of land from the Privy Council being conveyed by a resolution of the Privy Council, dated November 20 of that year. It was an institution in which the King-Kamehameha III took interest and John Li was also helpful to. The resolution was drawn up by Mr. Wyllie, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, and for many years the leading man in the government. Wyllie devoted himself to the work of the recognition of the Hawaiian Government by foreign powers, and to him was due the position in which the Hawaiian monarchs were held in the world's estimation. He negotiated the French treaty of 1846, the British treaty of the same year, the Danish treaty, the Harburg treaty of 1848, the treaty with the United States of 1850, the British treaty of 1852, the Bremen, Swedish, and second French treaty. The latter in 1858 being his last diplomatic act. His memory is preserved in the name of Wyllie street, parallel to Judd street.

Looking over the list of trustees and officers which were elected at that first meeting in November, 1854, there are names which have been prominent in Hawaiian history, and all have passed away to the great beyond, but one. H. M. Whitney is the sole survivor of that body of men who interested themselves in the welfare of the seafaring population, which in those days used to throng our shores when the whaling season was over. The names call up reminiscences by the score. A few can be quoted.

Elisha H. Allen, afterwards chief justice, and still later Hawaiian minister at Washington, was president. He died suddenly at a New Year's reception at the White House. G. P. Judd, one of Hawaii's most able statesmen, was vice-president. G. M. Robertson, father of A. G. M. Robertson now one of our leading lawyers, was treasurer. The Rev. S. C. Damon was on the executive committee. R. Armstrong, Minister of Education, and father of General Armstrong, the founder of Hampton; S. N. Castle, founder of the firm of Castle and Cooke; T. Spencer, and J. T. Waterhouse were among the trustees.

The Sailors' Home from its inception had a most useful career and supplied comfort and aid to thousands of sailors and ships officers. But times have changed. Nothing ever remains the same. There is no longer the class of sailors that there used to be. The whaling industry is now only historic. The number of sailing vessels has steadily diminished and steamers do not discharge their crews here, but carry them for the round trip from San Francisco to Manila and back, and sometimes for many round trips. The institution no longer holds the commanding position that it used to, and the day may come when the Sailors' Home will be finally closed and its present circumscribed usefulness come to an end. Institutions have their period of growth upon this earth, just as man has his or nations have theirs. The inexorable law of frailty rules all human effort. As one sees one institution after another roll back into mere history, one marks the mile stones marking one's own course. After all we shall all soon follow the unknown path which the dead and gone trustees and officers have already trodden. Shall we leave as good a record behind us?

Mississippi is having a hard time of it, and both the sugar and cotton crops have suffered. The owners of the latter are largely small farmers with little or no capital and the loss of their crop will ruin many of them, especially as they have obtained advances upon the growing crop.

It is fortunate for us that we have the port so well guarded against disease as is the case now. There is very little chance of epidemic diseases getting past the Federal officials.

The County bill will be in shape for conference committee this afternoon, and will then be pushed forward steadily so as to reach the Governor in time. One name will be indelibly associated with the County bill and that is Breckons. The United States District Attorney has done more for the County bill than any one else here.

## MR. DOOLEY ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

"Th' county bill has passed," said Hennessey, "an' 'twill soon be law."

"It has so," said Mr. Dooley, "an' 'tis a good law. Th' bes' feachore is th' wan providing fr' a special election in a few months. Elections, Hennessey, is th' spice iv American life. All th' world loves a scrap, Hennessey, an' anny law that provides two scraps where they was only wan before is a benefit to th' race."

"Fr'm now on ye'll see candidates publishin' their records iv embezzlement. Ivry county'll have a Chinese fund iv its own, to thrain men fr' office. Ye'll see signs 'Vote fr' Kaaaaa, th' man that got th' most fr'm th' Chinese fund,' an' they'll be notices in th' papers be the thieves that bid fr' th' votes iv th' men that pay taxes an' owe taxes. Th' honorable Kiiiiiooa, they'll say, 'is wan iv th' most successful iv our risin' young embezzlers, an' deserves th' votes iv th' people. Whin in charge iv th' local Chinese fun' he shote th' whole fun,' exceptin', 'twill say, Hennessey, 'th' sums his assistants got, an' a triffin' balance left fr' his successor. With such a record in th' public service, his iltion as mayor is certain, and whin he takes his seat th' people iv th' community can settle down to a term iv paying taxes, an' can rest assured that they'll be none iv th' public money spint without his knowledge."

"In mos' iv th' counties they'll be fights fr' th' honor iv being th' county seat. Th' county seat, Hennessey, is th' place where th' servants iv th' people boss their employers an' where th' patriotic embezzler tries to save th' country fr'm th' embarrassment iv providing custodians fr' Chinese funds. Ivry city an' town in th' world wants to be a county seat an' Hawai is no exception. 'Twould be a popular amindmint to th' county act to make sival seats in ivry county, or to make a county fr' ivry place that's big enough to be a seat fr' it."

"Ye know ve're talking nonsense," said Hennessey, "an' that th' county bill is a step towards th' Americanization iv th' territory."

"It is," said Mr. Dooley, "a step. But 'tis only wan iv so many steps that I'd forgotten that feachore iv it."



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## EDITORIAL SNAP SHOTS.

The advocates of the mountain laurel for the State flower of Massachusetts have made out a good case, although some outside barbarians may suggest that the bean blossom would be more appropriate.—Boston Globe.

There is to be a magnificent French exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition; but Chicago is confident that, after seeing St. Louis, France will be reconciled to Napoleon's sale of Louisiana.—Detroit Free Press.

Two conspicuous features of young Mr. Rockefeller's Bible class appear to be a regular elaborate discussion of wealth and the passing at intervals of the contribution basket.—Birmingham News.

Congress has paid to South Carolina a claim which has been standing since 1812. This should be put before the Sultan of Turkey as a worthy example.—Birmingham News.

It will astonish the victims of the grip to learn that the bacillus of that infernal disease is only one-sixteenth of an inch in length and about one-eighth of an inch in width. The general impression during the prevailing epidemic has been that the bacillus must be of at least the size of a sea serpent.—St. Louis Republic.

Minister Squires declares that Cuba is the most expensive country in the world to live in. He has just been entertaining J. Pierpont Morgan.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he is sure he will get the yachting cup this time, but he should remember that there's many a slip 'twixt cup and Lipton.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

A Pennsylvania legislator has introduced a bill to provide gold medals for mothers of large families. Sewing machines would be better.—Atlanta Constitution.

The fact that "the first robin of the season" spends the winter here need not discourage the optimists who think spring has arrived.—Detroit Free Press.

## TOPICS IN BRIEF.

Congress is now ended, and the long array of busted trusts is something horrible to behold.—Denver News.

One explanation of the delay in the war in the Balkans is that it is waiting for a Kipling poem.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In treating with the United States in regard to the Alaskan boundary it will probably turn out to be our treat.—Toronto Star.

The new Senators from Delaware have been sworn in, but Addicks is doing his swearing on the outside.—Philadelphia Press.

The Republican party will not be bothered for platform pledges in 1904. Its old pledges are still as good as new.—Atlanta Constitution.

Mr. Cleveland says he is out of politics. This confirms a rumor which has been in circulation for several years.—Philadelphia North American.

The gentleman who writes the Statehood plank of the next Republican national platform will chew the end of his lead-pencil for some time.—Washington Post.

Some of the States which have been shocked by the hold Addicks and his money have had on Delaware would have elected him long ago to the Senate.—Knoxville Sentinel.

There is no evidence at hand that Reed Smoot paid any money for his seat, but as yet that does not disqualify.

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